

Remarks

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner had rejected claims 1-12 and 14-18 and objected to claim 13 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim. Particularly, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bak et al.; claims 12 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Vandergrift; and claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Miller. Applicant's undersigned attorney at this time accepts the allowed claim 13, and respectfully asserts that the remaining claims pending in this application are allowable over all of the Examiner cited references for the following reasons.

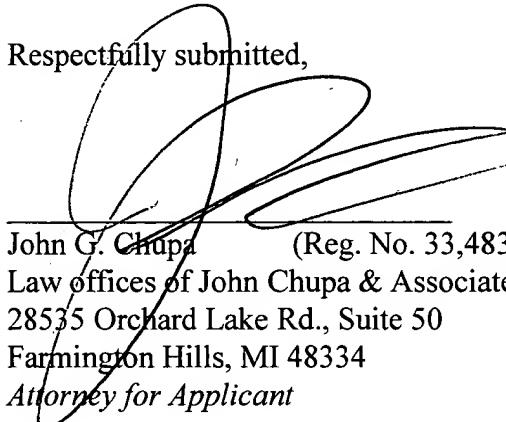
As seen above, Applicant has amended Claims 12, 14, and 15 to specify the stationary and attaching nature of the first and the second members and the placement of the spacer member between and attached to the stationary first and second members. Vandergrit does not disclose such a stationary laminate arrangement and Miller discloses no such spacer arrangement. For these reasons, Claims 12 and 15-18 should be allowable. Applicant's undersigned attorney also submitted a declaration under 37 C.F.R §1.131 to overcome the Bak reference and, for this reason, Applicant's undersigned attorney respectfully asserts that claims 1-11 should be allowable.

If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney at (248) 324-7787.

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5 Class Mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 14th day of January 2004.

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